

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00,617-F)

PATENT

In the Application of:)	
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Hefeneider <i>et al.</i>)	
)	Before the Examiner:
Serial No.: To be assigned)	Ruixiang Li
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Filed: July 15, 2003)	Group Art Unit: 1646
)	
For: Mammalian DNA Binding Membrane-)	
Associated Protein-Encoding Gene and)	
Uses)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed July 22, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.